

January 13, 2023

HEALTH OFFICIALS LIFT BLUE-GREEN ALGAE BLOOM ALERT FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Health Alert Has Been Lifted After Recent Sample Results

Contact:

Communications Office 786-336-1276

Miami, FL- The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has lifted the health alert issued on December 2, 2022, for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins in the Coral Gables Canal - East Side. Follow-up water samples taken by the Department of Environmental Protection did not detect algal toxins.

It is important that the public exercise caution and good judgement. Blue-green algae blooms can move around or subside and then reappear when conditions are favorable again. Residents and visitors are advised to avoid contact with the water if blooms are observed. The latest sample results can be viewed on **ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov.**

Report symptoms from exposure to a harmful algal bloom or any aquatic toxin to the Florida Poison Information Center. Call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to a poison specialist.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the <u>Public Health Accreditation Board</u>, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and Twitter at <u>@HealthyFla</u>. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit <u>www.FloridaHealth.gov</u>.